bulk drug Chloramphenicol, which is a price controlled bulk drug under DPCO, 1987, its production during the last 3 years period ending 1990-91, was of the order of 107, 34, 119 30 and 116.84 tonnes respectively.

(d) and (e) Sir, there is no replacement in so far as Vitamin preparations are concerned. However, in other cases, newer drugs are concurrently in use in the country.

(f) As per available information, the currently operated Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series with base year 1981-82 was introduced w.e.f. July, 1989.

(g) and (h) As already stated above, all the drugs included in the basket of Wholesale Price Index are concurrently in use. However, preparatory work for review of existing WPI series has been initated by the Ministry of Industry.

Statement

Sl. No.	Names of Drugs and Medicines for whole sale price index
1	Vitamin tablets (A, B, C, D and Others)
2	Vitamin Capsules
3	Vitamin liquids.
4	Chloramphenicol.
5	Penicillin (Vials, tablets & others products).
6	Streptomycin (Vials & Other products).
7	Tetraeycline (in capsules, vials and others).
8	Powder/granules other than vitamin.
9	Liquid oral other than vitamin.
10	Liquid Injectable other than vitamin.
11	Capsule other than vitamin and antibiotics.
12	Tablet except vitamin and penicillin.
13	Ointments.
14	Syrup.
15	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals n.e.c.
16	Ayurvedic medicines liquid.

Production of Urea and muriate of potash

423. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what steps Government have taken so far to increase the production of fertilizers particularly urea and muriate of potash with a view to stabilise the prices of fertilizers in the country ;

(b) the details of the units where the production is being increased ;

(c) whether Government have decided to invite the participation of private sector in this field ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) the number of fertilizer industries likely to be setiup under public and private sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan period in the country particularly in Rajasthan and Orissa and the production of target fixed therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) As a part of the Eighth Five Year Plan, it is proposed to set up new units and also expand existing units, besides modernisation, rehabilitation and retrofitting of existing plants, for increasing the production of various types of fertilizers including urea.

As regards muriate of potash, there are no known source of potash in India and hence the same has to be imported fully.

(b) It is proposed to increase the production of fertilizers in the plants located at Vijaipur, Jagdishpur, Aonla, Kandla, Hazira an Thal. The existing plants of MFL at Madras and FACT at Cochin are also proposed to be expanded. The retrofit possibilities of DAP plants exist in SPIC, ZAC, GSFC at Sikka, Godavari Fertilizers, HLL, PPL and MCF.

(c) and (d) The Private sector is presently operating a number of fertilizer units and will continue to participate in expension of production of fertilizers in future. Presently, no licence is required for producing fertilizers.

(e) The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised and full details will be available only after its finalisation. However, if all the proposals materialise, the installed capacity of nitrogen and phosphates at the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan would attain a level of 113.17 lakh tonnes and 37.67 lakh tonnes, respectively, as against the present level of 82.50 lakh tonnes and 27.51 lakh tonnes, respectively. In Rajashthan, a new grass-root Urea plant is being set up at Gadepan in the private sector with a capacity to produce 2250 tonnes per day of urea. In Orissa, it is proposed to consider retrofit of DAP plant of Praradeep Phosphates Limited.

Fair Price Shops in the States

424. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN LAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fair Price Shops existing in the country Statewise as part of the Public Distribution System; and

(b) the number of articles sold in these Fair Price Shops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) A statement is attached (*See* below)

(b) Commodities such as rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oils, kerosene and soft coke are alloted to the State Governments/UT Adminitsrations for distribution to the consumers in thier respective jurisdiction. The State Government have been advised to include on their own, additionat commodities of mass consumption, such as tea, iodised salt, pulses and soap. Some State Governments/UT Administrations are distributing items such as pulses, exercise books, match boxes, tea, soaps, salt etc. using the network of PDS outlets.

Statement

No. of fair Price Shops as reported by the State Governments and UT Administrations as on 30-6-1992

Name of the States/ UTs	No. of Fair Price Shops
1	2
Andhra Pradesh . . .	96892
Arunachal Pradesh . . .	621
Assam	26153
Bihar	44259